

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION

LAW SOLUTIONS CHICAGO,
LLC; UPRIGHT LAW, LLC;
KEVIN W. CHERN; and JASON
ROYCE ALLEN,

Defendants–Appellants,

v.

SABRINA L. McKINNEY, as
Standing Chapter 13 Trustee; and
CARLY B. WILKINS, as Chapter
7 Trustee of the Estates of Ricky
Jackson, Tony Lee Mason, Joseph
A. White, Stacy Ross, and Jeremy
Wallace,

Plaintiffs–Appellees.

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-934-WKW
[WO]

ORDER

Alleging various forms of attorney misconduct, Plaintiffs filed an adversarial complaint against Defendants in bankruptcy court. The Bankruptcy Court denied Defendants’ motions to dismiss, and it consolidated Plaintiffs’ action with a similar action filed by the Bankruptcy Administrator. (Doc. # 1-3.) Defendants seek leave to file an interlocutory appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(3). (Doc. # 1.)

For the same reasons leave to appeal was denied in *Law Solutions Chicago, LLC v. Jacobs*, No. 18-cv-763, Doc. # 8 (M.D. Ala. Feb. 25, 2019), leave to appeal is due to be denied in this case. Even if the issues presented on appeal are pure

questions of law (they are not), they do not control a substantial portion of the case. Nor would resolving them substantially reduce the amount of litigation below. *See Mamani v. Berzain*, 825 F.3d 1304, 1312–13 (11th Cir. 2016); *McFarlin v. Conseco Servs., LLC*, 381 F.3d 1251, 1264 (11th Cir. 2004); *Barbella v. Pergament*, No. 16-mc-1221, 2018 WL 317778, at *3–4 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 8, 2018). Interlocutory appeals are also “inherently disruptive, time-consuming, and expensive,” *Prado-Steiman ex rel. Prado v. Bush*, 221 F.3d 1266, 1276 (11th Cir. 2000) (cleaned up), and a court may deny leave to file one “for any reason, including docket congestion.” *Coopers & Lybrand v. Livesay*, 437 U.S. 463, 475 (1978); *see Nice v. L-3 Commc’ns Vertex Aerospace LLC*, 885 F.3d 1308, 1313 n.8 (11th Cir. 2018). The court has a crowded docket, so it denies leave to appeal.

For these reasons, it is ORDERED that:

1. Defendants’ Motion for Leave to Appeal (Doc. # 1-1) is DENIED; and
2. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to close this case.

DONE this 25th day of February, 2019.

/s/ W. Keith Watkins

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE